



City of Albuquerque

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Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Artist, Michael Metcalf, to design, fabricate, install and document a sculpture for the Louisiana/I-40 Interchange.

The Public Art Program/CIP requests approval of the Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$300,000 (\$75,000 1% for Art, G.O. Street Bond Funds and \$225,000 Federal Highway Enhancement Funds) with Michael Metcalf to design, fabricate, install and document a work of art. The artwork will be distinct and visible from a distance and from all four directions, giving the interchange identity. The artist will fabricate two 30'-high, bronze and stainless steel sculptures. Six bronze spires, protruding from a sloped, six-sided stainless steel base, will be visible from a considerable distance. The artwork contrasts the man-made, golden-tan bronze and the stainless steel with natural boulders, which nestle at the base of the spires. The gently spiraling cables will culminate into the vortex of the boulders, which represent the earth, and specifically the geology of New Mexico. The spiraling will flow clockwise on one of the sculptures, counterclockwise on the companion work.

The sculptures will be installed on the northwest and the southeast existing medians of Louisiana as it crosses Interstate 40.

I am forwarding this Agreement to the Council for consideration and action.

Recommended:

Approved as to Legal Form:

Department Director

Recommended:

Robert M. White

**City Attorney
Recommended:**

**Bruce Perlman, Phd.
Chief Administrative Officer**

**Deputy CAO
CFO, COO, or CPSO**